### EXPLORE HOME SOLAR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

## MEETING JANUARY 5, 2014

Attendees: Bill Saltonstall, Tinker Saltonstall, Eileen Marum, Jennifer Francis, Norman Hills, Karen Stewart (call in)

#### Poster discussion:

• Bill reported that Staples would produce 50 11'x17' posters for \$50.00. It was decided that the committee would produce 8.5"x11" posters and investigate printing of two larger posters that would be posted in front of the Music Hall. Discussion of a banner across Front St. was decided against because of cost. Discussion touched on sending electronic copies to a list that Karen has as well as a list of regional points of contact that the Energy Management Committee has.

## Getting the word out:

- Eileen reported that she had contacted a number of newspapers in the Southeast Massachusetts area about providing information about the February 5 meeting. She will contact ORCTV about displaying the flyer on the TV.
- Karen volunteered that their Outreach Assistant will post the information in the TriTown area
- Eileen will get the information posted on the Marion Town Calendar on the website.

#### TriTown solar installations:

• Norm reported that he had lists from Marion and Rochester and was waiting for a list from Mattapoisett. After discussion is was decided that photos of the installations would probably not be required.

# Agenda:

- Senator Pacheco will be the first speaker at the beginning of the meeting for approximately 20 minutes with some time for questions and answers
- Bill reported that he had the following organizations committed to attending:
  - Next Step Living
  - o My Generation Energy
  - Northeast Solar Hot Water
  - o Sungevity
  - o Bay Coast Bank
- A looping video will be set up that covers the installation of a roof mounted solar collector.

Refreshments: cold drinks and homemade goodies will be provided

Raffle: all attendees will be entered into a raffle for a solar charging device that Karen will provide. If attendees bring their electric bill they will be provided two tickets.

Energy Management Committee: Bill will schedule a meeting with the EMC to obtain their support for this effort.

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## MARION ENERGY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes 22 September 2014

- 1. The meeting convened at 7:00 PM in the Music Hall.
- 2. EMC attendees:

David Pierce Eileen Marum Norman Hills Bill Saltonstall

- 3. Minutes: the minutes for 25 August, 2014 were approved as written.
- 4. Green Community topics:
  - Stretch code no update
  - Energy Insight no update
  - Discussion agreed that Green Community efforts would resume after the completion of the effort to get a contract for a solar installation at the landfill
  - Discussion with respect to SRPEDD concept of aggregation of local users for green power purchasing power. Bill noted that the concept was probably a good idea that needs more examination and possibly an Article for the Spring Town Meeting
- 5. Solar on the Landfill:
  - The Board of Selectmen approved the evaluation committee recommendation with respect to the selected Proposal
  - The evaluation committee has scheduled a meeting with the winning Applicant on 1 October to discuss and clarify some aspects of the proposal. Questions have been provided in advance
- 6. Briggs Solar Project:
  - Now that the ZBA has approved the variance request, we expect the project to commence, question the potential impact/competition with the Landfill project.
- 7. Other topics included:
  - The EMC should participate in the ongoing Master Plan update to provide input with respect to energy use and conservation
  - Bill reported that Keith Mann has extended an invitation to tour his cranberry bog site to see where the four wind turbines will be installed.
- 8. Energywise articles potential future articles identified included (1) progress on the landfill solar project, (2) results of the Briggs project, (3) progress on the wind turbine project in Plymouth, (4) cost savings from last winter's energy improvement projects.
- 9. Future meeting dates proposed for 2014: October 27, November 24, no December meeting. Times are at 7PM unless otherwise noted.
- 10. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully.

Norman Hills

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